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For : STRIP CASTING MACHINE COMPRISING TWO  
CASTING ROLLERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the claims  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Replace current claims 1 - 22 by the enclosed amended claims  
1 - 22. A marked-up version of amended claims 1 - 22 is also enclosed.

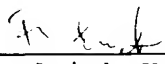
**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 22 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the claims have been  
amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

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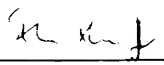
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**Amended Claims;  
Marked-Up Version.**

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